MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL

<u>MINUTES</u>

DECEMBER 11, 2018

The Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council convened on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 10:04 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in the North Tower, Plaza Level, Hearing Room E.

Members Present: Bennett Pudlin Attorney at Law, Acting Chairperson

Keith Jensen Mobile Home Park Owner, Co-Chairperson

Myriam Clarkson Mobile Manufactured Home Industry

Representative

Dave Delohery Mobile Home Park Tenant or

Representative of Such Tenant

Marcia L. Stemm Mobile Home Park Owner Mark Berkowitz Mobile Home Park Owner

Al Hricz Senior Citizen

Members Absent: Joseph B. Castonguay CT Real Estate Commission Member

Jennifer Ponte Department of Housing

Leonard Campbell Town Planner

Arthur Mazeau Mobile Home Park Tenant or Representative of Such Tenant

Member Vacancies: Banking Industry Representative

Ct. Housing Finance Authority Representative

Mobile Home Park Tenant or Representative of Such Tenant

DCP Council Staff: Karen Layman, License & Application Analyst

Paulette Annon, DCP Legal Division

William Zenga, DCP Supervisor, Special Investigator

Others Present: Raphael Podolsky, Connecticut Legal Services

Nancy Palmisano, Connecticut Manufactured Housing

Association

Stacey Faircloth-Punzalan

Thomas Dibble

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Council voted unanimously to approve the Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council Draft Minutes of September 18, 2018 as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Stacey Faircloth-Punzalan and Thomas Dibble, residents of Oakridge Gardens Mobile Home Park, Montville, CT, appeared to discuss their concerns regarding safety issues within the park. Stacey has a complaint pending with the Department at this time. Paulette Annon and William Zenga provided information regarding the Department's procedures for processing complaints.

Bennett Pudlin stated that he hopes to schedule a Legislative Committee meeting in December or early January, with one of the topics being the review of related statutes and possible changes in order to be sure residents have adequate tools to ensure safety in situations such as Oakridge. Bennett Pudlin invited Paulette Annon to attend this meeting.

REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

1. Long-term leases

Bennett Pudlin provided an update on recent communication with Fannie Mae regarding financing, and stated that there is a webinar on this topic that may be of interest to the Council. Bennett requests that Keith Jensen provides an update at the next meeting regarding this webinar.

Bennett Pudlin informed the Council that he intends to schedule a Legislative Committee meeting in December or early January, at which the following topics will be discussed: enforcement, long-term leases, and abandonment statutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. CHFA Park Purchase Program

Bennett Pudlin spoke briefly about the recent version of the Mobile Manufactured Home Parks Acquisition Program Guidelines document submitted by CHFA via email on November 30, 2018. Bennett noted that there were very few changes, especially on the most important issues.

Bennett Pudlin asked that the Department follow up with the Governor's Office on a letter of interest regarding the vacant CHFA Representative Council member position on the Council.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Continued discussion regarding issues with the removal of abandoned mobile homes and the impact on the mobile home park owners and tenants.

This topic will be discussed at the next Legislative Committee meeting in December or early January.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Legal Division review of compliance meeting notice

The Council reviewed a compliance meeting notice in the matter of Country Mobile Home Estates, MHP.0000125, Case No. 2017-221 dated November 20, 2018. Paulette Annon was in attendance to provide an overview of this matter.

2. 2019 Schedule for Board, Commission, and Council Meetings

Board so noted.

3. Resignation of George Cote, Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council, Banking Industry Representative Member

George Cote has verbally informed DCP that he has resigned from the Board and will be submitting a resignation letter. This letter has not been received to date.

Board so noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP COMPLAINT AND INSPECTION REPORTS:

- 1. Review of current complaint report including open, closed, and dismissed cases dated December 2018.
- 2. Review of inspection report dated December 2018.

William Zenga was in attendance and provided an overview of these reports.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman License & Application Analyst

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- March 27
- June 26
- September 25
- December 4

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 10:00 a.m.